GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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Different Rate of HRA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received the representation from the Government employees from Mahi, a province of Pondichery with regard to HRA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is different rate of HRA implemented in Mahi and Pondichery;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, sir. A representation from the Federation of Service Association, Mahe was received recently regarding extension of House Rent Allowance at enhanced rate of 20% to Mahe Region.

(c) & (d) Yes, sir. HRA with effect from 01.07.2017 is admissible @ 8% to Central Govt. employees at Mahe having population of less than 50,000, classified as 'Z' class city and @ 16% at Pondichery (UA) having population of more than 5 lakh, classified as 'Y' class city.

(e) Since Mahe has population of less than 50,000 as per Census-2011, it does not qualify for 'Y' class city status. Therefore, the request for extension of House Rent Allowance at enhanced rate to Mahe Region has not been accepted by the Government.